

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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During the long winter we become keenly aware of the value of sunshine. The sun rises later in the morning and sets earlier in the afternoon; quite often it's gray and cloudy all day. Today we hear Jesus tell his disciples that they are to shine their light for all to see, as a lamp on a lampstand does. This winter, may we spread Christ's light to the world, brining joy and life to darkness and gloom.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Mon. (2/9)	6:00 PM	Bible Study at St. Martin
Tues. (2/10)	9:00 AM	Mass † Joshua Klein (Gary & Sandy Klein)
Wed. (2/11)	7:00 PM	Altar Society Meeting
Thurs. (2/12)	9:00 AM	Mass † Shirley Sedlarik (David Klein)
Sat. (2/14)	2:30-3:30 PM	Confession
	4:00 PM	Mass † Dennis Komarck (The Komarck Family)
Sun. (2/15)	9:30 AM	Mass For the People
	10:35-11:45 AM	Religious Education

WORD OF LIFE

“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together.”

.....USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life.....

**ST. MARTIN'S 35TH ANNUAL
“ANYTHING GOES PARTY”**

Saturday, February 14, 2026, 6:30-9:30 PM in the Monsignor Martin Parish Hall. *Adults age 21 and up are invited!*

Food – beef & chicken noodles, mashed potatoes, mac & cheese, corn, salad, and bread & butter. Entertainment – Bakerdy (aka Jeopardy), karaoke, dancing and a photo booth(\$5 for a 5x7). Tickets are \$15 per person - \$20 at the door and can be purchased after weekend Masses at St. Martin or by contacting the St. Martin Parish Office. We hope to see you there!

**ST. MARTIN LENTEN LECTURE SERIES
FEBRUARY 24-MARCH 24, 2026**

Our 5 Week Lenten Lecture Series focuses on “Why Do Catholics Do That?” Have you ever thought about why we do something or the meaning behind a Catholic Practice? This program series will answer your questions! Lenten Tuesdays start with dinner at 5:30 pm and then a speaker lecture at 6:15pm in the parish hall. Sign-up sheets are available in the church entrance to plan for dinner. Please RSVP for the events you plan to attend.

-Tuesday, February 24th, The Mass “**A Walk Through the Mass**” with Fr. Jeff Hanley

-Tuesday, March 3rd, Church Structure “**From the Pope to the Laity: The Structure of the Church**” with Fr. Max Nightingale

-Tuesday, March 10th, Customs and Sacramentals “**A Deeper Understanding of Catholic Customs and Sacramentals**” with Fr. Jim Morris

-Tuesday, March 17th, Prayer Types and Forms “**The Importance of Prayer in Our Daily Lives**” with Fr. Dan Hyman

-Tuesday, March 24th, Sacraments and Sacred Time vs. Secular Time “**The Rhythm of Catholic Life**” with Fr. Andrew Schmidt

PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

To add a name or intention to our parish prayer line, please contact DiAnne Riley at (269)279-6004 or (616)560-5457.

Next Week's:	Readers	Ushers
Sat. (2/14)	Ed Culp	Cliff/Mary Lou Jepsen
Sun. (2/15)	Amy Cupp	Mike/Lyn Wilson

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 4:00 pm Sunday, 9:30 AM
Weekdays: Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 AM
Confessions: Saturday, 2:30-3:30 PM

LIVESTREAMING... Sunday Mass is Livestreamed weekly and alternates between St. Edward at 9:30 AM and the 8:00 or 11:00AM Mass at St. Martin of Tours. Viewing is available at www.stedwardmendon.org or the St. Martin of Tours of Vicksburg Facebook Page

Religious Education and Altar Server Training for new servers in grade 5 or older after Mass today!!

**Let Us Pray For Those Who Are Sick
Or Have Special Needs**

Phil Kramer Oliver Ray Pat Kramer Margie Klein

ALTAR SOCIETY

The Altar Society will meet this Wednesday, February 11th at 7:00 PM, in the lower level of the church. All ladies of the parish are welcome to join.

Congratulations to Bill & Sandy Crouch celebrating 65 years of marriage this year.(Missed in last week's bulletin)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will hold a farmers breakfast today, February 8, from 9am until 1pm. Funds raised will be donated to supply wheelchairs to those in need. Cost for each wheelchair is \$150 and 100% goes to purchase of the wheelchairs and no administration cost. We will be collecting funds throughout the month of February and will have envelopes available to donate. Knights of Columbus is now accepting donations through Venmo! You can login and make secure payments at <https://www.venmo.com/u/Knights13305>.

Men's Lenten retreat will be on March 7, 2026, from 8:30- to 3:30 by Fr. Ken Schmidt. A suggested donation of \$10 for the retreat with coffee, donuts and lunch to be provided. This is open to all men of the parishes of St. Edward and St. Martin and is sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 13305.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins Wednesday, February 18th. We will have the following opportunities for Mass, Adoration, and distribution of ashes:

- 6:00 AM Mass at St. Martin
- 9:00 AM Mass at St. Edward and St. Martin
- 6:00 PM Mass at St. Martin
- 6:30-7:30 PM Adoration and distribution of ashes

ADORATION DURING LENT

Beginning February 18th, we will be having Adoration and Benediction every Wednesday during Lent from 6:30 - 7:30 PM; all Wednesdays are at St. Martin, except Wednesday, February 18th and March 4th, which will be at St. Edward . All are welcome at both parishes!

We will again have Stations of the Cross & Benediction followed by a Soup Supper on Thursdays during Lent at 6:00 PM. A sign-up sheet is posted if anyone can bring a pot of soup for one of the suppers. Thank you very much!

OLD PALMS NEEDED

Please bring your old palms to the basket in the vestibule. They will be burned for ashes on Ash Wednesday.

Collection: Jan 31-Feb 1, 2026	48 Env.
Weekly: \$1,832/\$3,193	
Y-T-D Needed:	\$ 102,176.00
Y-T-D Collected:	\$ 113,245.64
Surplus	\$ 11,069.64
Three Churches Collection	\$ 1,903.00

Altar Servers

Luke & Corinne Wilson, Megan Cupp